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## **ICC to hear utility proposals to offset high natural gas prices**

The Illinois Commerce Commission will meet with the state's natural gas utilities to examine potential new and creative measures designed to mitigate the impact of current and expected high natural gas costs this winter.

The ICC's Gas Policy Committee will convene at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13 in Chicago. The utility executives also are expected to update the ICC regarding the state's current energy efficiency options and other initiatives designed to benefit Illinois residents.

A preliminary agenda and topics for discussion include:

### **Natural Gas Prices, Storage Inventory Strategies and Price Risk Hedging Strategies**

- Update from utility presentations at Sept. 20, 2005, Gas Policy Committee meeting

### **Efforts to Help Customers Prepare for Winter 2005**

- LIHEAP Enrollment and Funding Update
- Effectiveness of Budget Payment Plan Efforts

### **Evaluation of Other Customer Assistance Options**

- Permitting Customers with Accrued Balance to Enroll in Budget Payment Plans
- Percentage of Income Plans
- Fixed Bill Plans

The meeting will be held in the Commission's main hearing room, 160 N. LaSalle, Suite C-800 in Chicago. Please allow two hours for this session.

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